Use of harmful pesticides

4095. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many harmful, and dangerous pesticides, banned abroad are still in use in India;

(b) whether full Report of the Banerjee Committee on pesticides has been received and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether India at the recent FAO meeting held in Rome in June 1987 supported "Prior Informed Consent" as pleaded by the International Organisation of Consumer Union, Geneva and Rome?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Some of the pesticides which have been banned in some of the countries are in use in India.

(b) The Banerjee Committee has to examine the continued use in India of all the pesticides which have been banned or restricted for use in other countries. The Committee has submitted its Reports on seven of these pesticides, namely DDT, BHC, Aldrin, Dieldrin, Chlordane, Heptachlor and E.D.B. The Report of the Committee on BHC has been accepted by the Government. Action will be taken on the other Reports of the Committee already received to be received, after their examination and final decision on them.

(c) India has not taken a decision on the proposal to include the Prior Informal Consent Clause in the Food and Agricultural Organisation, International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides. However, this Clause has little relevance to India as our country has already got a comprehensive legislation and registration procedure system for pesticides. The object of ensuring that the importing countries are fully informed of the dangers and hazards of insecticides is already achieved in our country under the provisions of Insecticides Act, 1968. There is a mandatory requirement for registration of insecticides both for import and manufacture in the country; and the Registration Committee constituted under the Act for considering registration is to satisfy itself about the safety and efficacy of insecticides before the grant of registration.

Shortage of Milk

4096. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether milk shortage is still continuing and if so, the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken;

(b) whether Government have seen analytical report which appeared in Midday of the 3rd August, 1987 and if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to put a total ban on all milk products (western-type or indigenous) till milk availability for weaker sections of the society improves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Complaints have been received regarding shortage of milk in Delhi. It has been urged upon the Cooperative Dairy Federations of the neighbouring States to step up the supply of fresh milk to Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) and Delhi Mother Dairy. The DMS and Delhi Mother Dairy have been advised to make efforts to increase daily supply of milk.

(b) Government's attention has been drawn to the press report. The main reasons for the shortfall in the availability of fresh milk at the Delhi Dairies is the drought in the neighbouring States. The States Cooperative Dairy Federations expect the situation to improve after good rains.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. However, in order to increase the availability of fresh milk, some of the neighbouring States have enforced regulatory measures.

Training of women in Agriculture

4097. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by Government on the National project "training of Women in Agriculture";

(b) the States covered by the above project which has been undertaken with the assistance of the Government of Denmark through DANIDA:

(c) whether Assam, where women form a major force in agriculture, has been covered by this project; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Government of India is not implementing any national project. Training of Women in Agriculture' and hence it has not spent any amount on such a Project. However, a few States have taken up projects for training women in agriculture with foreign assistance.

(b) The States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are presently implementing DANIDA assisted projects for women in Agriculture.

(c) The State Government of Assam has formulated a Project 'Training of Women in Agriculture' for implementation in the State with foreign assistance, and sent the project proposal to the Central Government for sponsoring it for foreign assistance.

(d) The following are the details:

(i)	Districts proposed to be covered :	1. Kokarajhar 2. North Lakhimpur 3. Kamrup 4. Karimganj 5. Nowgong
(ii)	Duration of the Project :	5 Years.
(iii)	Coverage :	The Project envisages to train 12,500 women directly, and disseminate knowledge to other farm women through them.
(iv)	Cost of the project	Rs. 2,37, 75.000.

Development of Guwahati

4098. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Guwahati Municipal Corporation had recently requested the Central Government for special fund/ grant for the development of the Guwahati city;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the total number of cities which received grants/funds for development during 1983-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government of Assam have, however, sent some schemes